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Phi Delta Theta at N.C. State wins Gold Star

The N.C. State chapter of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was named the recipient of the 1999 Gold Star Award, the top award a chapter can be nominated for and is presented for overall excellence.
Guideline areas used in determining eligibility include scholarship, chapter management, alumni relations, fraternity life, and information available from the province president, General Headquarters staff representatives and university administration.

versity administration.
Phi Delta Theta was founded at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 1848. The fraternity has 180 undergraduate chapters and over 200,000 alumni.

## Air Force ROTC to host drill meet

The George V. Holloman Arnold Air Society of Detachment 595's. Air Force ROTC will host its annual Championship Drill Meet on Saturday, Sept. 25 in the front of Reynolds Coliscum. Over 700 ROTC participants from 22 southeastern high schools will be on hand to compete at the meet. The meet is an opportunity for cades to see what the next level of Air Force ROTC is like. The drill competition is open to anyone who is interested in observing the events, which will begin at 7:00 a.m. and will continue until 5:00 p.m.

## NATIONAL

## Racial disparity found in credit rating

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African-Americans are far more likely to have bad credit records than whites, even when blacks and whites with similar incomes are compared, according to a study to be released Tuesday by the McLean. Va.-based Freddie Machome financing corporation.

The study found that whites earning less than \$25,000 had better credit records as a group than African-Americans earning between \$65,000 and \$75,000. Overall, 48 percent of blacks and 72 percent of whites had bad credit ratings, as defined by Freddie Mac in this study. While the study did not attempt to establish conclusively why the disparity exists, researchers conjecture that black Americans have fewer resources to fall back on in times of trouble. Cultural attitudes also contribute, they suspect. For example, it is known that people who believe they control their lives tend to budget better and save more. Although credit reporting is supposed to be colorbilan, some experts said that racism may contribute to the economic instability that leads to unpaid bills.

Freddie Mac, which is federally chartered to provide capital for mortgage lending, plans to use the results of the \$1.3 million study and an in-depth survey of consumer knowledge and attitudes to develop a course intended to change behaviors. The NAACP, the National Urban League and five historically black colleges will help develop and disseminate materials in the \$2 million program.

According to the study, almost half of all African-Americans have bad credit records - a rate nearly twice that of whites.

## THE 50¢ CHALLENGE



QUOTABLE"



'Nothing can bring you peace but yourself."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

# "Illiteracy is a much bigger problem in Wake County than people realize"

Lucinda MacKethan

# nesu readers and writers marathon

CALDWELL LOUNGE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD noon-music by Mark Evans and Wands Ramm 12:30-Greetings. CHASS Dean Margaret Zahr. 21246-Susan Astochain, of the Tarwater Band and author of The Christ-Haunted Landscape, will sing and talk about Lee Smith's fo-

tion
1:20: Student and Community Readers (including Elaine Goolsby and Nancy Tilly)
3:00: Kattherine Rogers, from Good Of Girts, will perform. Lee Smith Introduces.
3:30: Angele Davis-Gardner, Sheryl Cornett, Tim McLaurin. Steve Katz read

Steve Katz read 4455 Student and Community, Readers II 5:15. Dirner Break Get Take-Outs or Bring Pot Luck and e readers and graduate students read 5:50-MA alumni and graduate students read 6:50-Peggy Payne, Hillary Hebert, Marcia Douglas, Joh Kessel, Tom Lisk, William McCranor Henderson, Rober

9:00- Student, Community, Faculty Readers II (volunte



# **CSU reads for char**

County Literacy Council and honor novel-ist Lee Smith, NCSU faculty authors, students and community members will "step up to the mike" and read, sing or play the bagpipe in the Caldwell Lounge on Thursday.

SARAH E. MIANO

"Books must be read as deliberately and reservedly as they are written," said 19th century writer Henry David Thoreau. With this belief, members of the N.C. State English Department will untite with students, authors and community members for a Readers and Writers Marathon on Thursday, Sept. 23 at noon in the Caldwell Hall Lounge. It's not every day that NCSU has an all day bash in Caldwell, Ball Lounge, It's not every day that NCSU has an all day bash in Caldwell, especially one that will last until 12 a.m. on a school night and will involve a crowd consisting of singers, a bagpipe player and a slew of highly esteemed authors.

The marathon is "12 hours of constant creative writing and reading to benefit the Wake County Literacy Council," according to Lucinda MacKethan, professor and head of creative writing in the department of English. In order to raise funds for the literary council, attendees and participants will be able to pledge a certain amount of money per minute, or

Students and faculty gather to increase illiteracy awareness in Wake County.

choose to make a donation. Funds raised will be used for tutor training and to pur-chase the materials necessary to help adults learn to read.

MacKethan.

Not only that, but the marathon is an opportunity to honor Lee Smith, published author and soon-to-retire NCSU resident writer. "She's been a terrific asset to our faculty," said MacKethan. "This is her cause."

According to MacKethan, Smith has founded a school in Kentucky to promote literacy, called "The Hindman Settlement School," by means of a grant she received four years ago. "She has been so generous with her literacy work," said MacKethan.

Susan Ketchin of the Tarwater Band and author of "The Christ-Haunted Landscape" will sing and talk about Smith's fiction. Students and community members will read from Smith's books, particularly "Fair and Tender Ladies," which contains a series of letters, making it especially fun to read, said MacKethan. Smith herself will introduce singer Katherine Rogers who currently performs in "Good Ol' Girls," Paul Ferguson's adaptation of Jil McCorkle's and Smith's fiction, presented by Theatre in the Park.

in the Park.

In addition to alumni and graduate student readers, NCSU faculty authors who will read include Nancy Tilly, Angela Davis-Gardner, Tim McLaurin, Steve Katz, John Kessel, Marcia Douglas and Tom Lisk among others.

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CHASS Dean Margaret Zahn will kick off the event with opening comments.

With all the hours of singing, talking and reading, marathoners are sure to work up an appetite. Therefore, they'll "stretch" and dine at 5:15 pm., and those who'd like to bring a dish or order take-out are welcome. "We may have some surprise food," said MacKethan, who wouldn't claborate.

Volunteer readers are needed for the 9

Volunteer readors are needed for the 9 p.m. to midnight shift, according to MacKethan, and those daring will receive autographed books by NCSU faculty authors. Interested ones may call MacKethan at 515-4143.

# Plexus impacts Centennial



Centennial continues to grow with new firms.

♦ An electronic company now on Centennial Campus offers flexibility to electrical or computer science engineers who are interested in attending graduate school or travelling.

TONYR JOHNSON

Since March, Plexus Technology Group, headquartered in Neenah, WI has been on N.C. State's Centennial Campus, and they're eager to continue to work with the university." Stand Kimberly Hole, the human resource coordinator for the company, She said that the company enjoys working with the professors and interacting with NCSU students.

Plexus Technology Group employs. 30 employees. The DesignCenter occupies 15,000 square feet within the professors and interacting with NCSU students.

Plexus Technology Group employs. 30 employees. The DesignCenter occupies 15,000 square feet within the professors of the professor of the company also has the option to acquire an adjacent 8,000 square feet within the mely constructed 12,0000-square foot Centennial Campus field for the option to acquire an adjacent 8,000 square feet in the same building for future expansion.

"We have quite alof from to grow on Centennial Campus fie's been pretty exciting. We've almost doubled since we've been here." Said Hole. "The lab space has been tripled, which allows the engineers to have a larger space to work in. We're growing rapidly with plants for more."

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See Plexus, Page

# Clinton surveys flood damage

Les Angeles Times

President Bill Clinton on Monday surveyed vast swaths of North Carolina still submerged beneath flood waters, nearly a week after the state took the brunt of Hurricane Floyd, while emergency crews struggled to cope with rising rivers and death tolls. One official called the mounting dissister 'a 500-year flood.'

"No matter how much television here is." Clinton said, "it doesn't do (the flood) justice. You can't show what it feels like inside for people."

As yet another tropical storm threat-need to dump more rain on what already looks like a prehistoric lake, Clinton announced an array of federal emergency measures for flood victime, including food stamps and low-interest loans.

cincipency into solution and low-interest loans. He urged residents of this proud, rural part of North Carolina - where farmers raise everything from tobacco to shrimp - to "take advantage of these things," promising: "The American people Know that no individual can handle this alone."

But many North Carolinians could-rit hear him. For a sixth straight day, thousands remained trapped in churches, schools and other makeshift shelters, some surrounded on all sides by water, with no idea when they might lie to leave or what they might find once they do.

"It's like nothing you've ever seen,"



President Bill Clinton

said Lisa Schell, spokeswoman for North Carolina's Department of Environment and Natural Resources. "It is a problem of monstrous propor-

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Renee Hoffman, spokeswoman for the state's emergency response team, said that no flood has ever devastated North Carolina this way. Not only is the volume of water immense, but the nature of it is different.

"This is water that's decided to come and stay awhile," she said. "It's a dif-ferent kind of flood."

Three major rivers — the Cape Fear, the Tar and the Lumber — are at twice their flood levels, and just now begin-ning to crest. The Neuse, meanwhile, continues to rise, and won't crest any time soon if weather forecasts hold true.

true.

At least 2 million people are affected by the flood, in an area the size of Maryland. Roughly 10,000 have been left homeless, scattered among 50 Red

# Flying free



A student enjoys post-Floyd weather outside of Bragaw Residence Hall.

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Alicia Edwards Newsletter for CALS students'

http://agromeck.ncsw.edu

Two Grand finalists will receive Agromeck and Ten Semifinalists will be rewarded for the best answer. Check the website and the Technician next week for more answers!

# **Plexus**

as NCSU students, faculty and staff. They are able to use the gym. Iab facilities, conference rooms and ride the Wolffine. "We're excited about getting active in the university culture and community," said Hole.

The company wants students to become familian with them, and have done presentations for student groups such as the Society for Women Engineers. Plexus Technology Group also offers internships, co-ops and full-time jobs. In October, they'll be participating in the Minority Career Fair. "We're getting our name out there," said Hole.

Students should also consider working for the company because "Plexus little bureauricey," according to Hole. "The engineers report to the director of engineering, who reports to the president of the group in Wisconsin," said Hole. In addition, the company has never laid off its employees since being in business for 20 years.

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20 years.
Plexus Technology Group has DesignCenters in Neenah, WI, Louisville, Coan Raleigh, The company has ProtoCenters (prototyping facilities) in Neenah and Milpitas, CA, and manufacturing facilities in Neenah, Richmond, KY, Green Bay, WI and Minneapolis, MN. Hole encourages students interested in learning more about the company to call her at 807-8004, or to visit the Plexus website at www.Plexus.com.

# Flood

Cross shelters.

Food and bottled water are being trucked into the state, and supplies are being artifited to three shelters reachable only by boat or plane. They stand out like an archipelage in a dirty ocean contaminated by everything from hog carcasses to cottomiouth snakes.

Officials can do nothing, however, about the frazzled nerves inside: Fistfights have been erupting among shelter-trapped refugees suffering acute "cabin-fever."

Besides 32 people known dead in North Carolina, most sweept away when they tried for fort streams in their cars - 1 million chickens and turkeys when they write of ford streams in their cars - 1 million chickens and turkeys house pets Mowned, as have more than 110,000 hogs and countless house pets When the water finally recedes, perhaps this weekend, officials expect they will find many more people now listed as missing.

"We're looking at a situation that's going to take weeks, months," Schell said Temporary housing is being readied for refugees. Tratlers are being bought with Foderal Emergency Management Agency funds, and hotel comer reserved. But housing is still a "huge, huge problem," Clinton said, because many who lost their homes had no flood insurance.

Why buy flood insurance, they reasoned, when you don't live in a flood plain?

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No one expected a flood of such bitblical scope. No one foresaw more than 20 inches of rain falling on some spoin as a 36-hour span. No one expected a storm such as Floyd to follow so fast on the beels of last month's torrential soaker. Hurricane Dennis. By late Monday, 26 counties in North Carolina had declared a state of emergency, and 39 had established emergency, and 39 had established emergency, and 39 had established emergency, operations centers. About 3,500 Astional Guard troops had been mobilized, and nearly \$0,000 people were without power. Executation orders still existed in 10 counties, many of which have seen whole towns vanish. Among the historic towns that are now nothing but smooth sheets of water is Princeville, the oldest town in the United States to be chartered by blacks. Founded at the end of the Civil War rby freed slaves, it was home to 1,900 people, and now is gone.

Throughout the state's coastal plain, more than 300 roads remained closed Monday, including long stretches of Interstates 95 and 40, North. Throughout the state's coastal plain, more than 300 roads remained closed Monday, including long stretches of Interstates 95 and 40, North Carolina's busiest highways.

Several counties reported that their entire water supply is fouled by hog waste and hurman sewage, millions of of University Health Center in Pitt County, said his hospital was full to the brim, all 735 heds occupied, and the water creeping within inches of the power supply.

At Tarboro Hospital, near ground zero of the flooding, and crois of flooding, and crois of flooding, and content in the conditions. Some patients have been partly submerged in water for up to four days.

# Yugoslavs sending spies into Kosovo

official said Tuesday.
Military officers in the NATOled peacekeeping force said their
troops have been placed on a
higher state of alert, particularly
in the tense northern Kosovo city
of Kosovska Mitrovica, where
Serbs and ethnic Albanians
clashed 10 days ago.
NATO officials also have
warned U.N. officials. Western
diplomats and ethnic Albanian
lenders of increased security risks,
causing some to add bodyguards,
avoid nighttime travel and stay
closer to colleagues, U.N. officials said.
"There is a convergence of

"There is a convergence of alarm," a U.N. official said,

adding that NATO may need to take the security threat more seri-ously. In particular, the official said, NATO should consider policing Kosovo's northern boundary with Serhia to help pre-vent what he described as an influx of too many "young people ... who have no link to Kosovo."

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Several NATO officials expressed much less concern, saying they have no evidence of specific plans by Yugoslav forces to create disturbances in Kosovo, which remains a province of Yugoslavia's dominant republic. One official, who is involved in monitoring Serbian activities in Kosovo, described the intelligence reports as more rumor than fact.

The chief LLN official in

The chief U.N. official in Kosovo, Bernard Kouchner, is nonetheless considering whether

not only in Mitrovica.

NATO's top commander in Kosovo, British Lt. Gen. Mike Jackson, said, however, that withere is no evidence. I that members or officials of state organizations are involved, despite the discovery several weeks ago that a Serb shot by Russian troops for harassing an ethnic Albanian had

# Anti-Milosevic draw low turnout

BELGRADE. Yugoslavia — Cold drizzing rain and deep public extracism Tuesday dampened the start of what opposition leaders are trying to make the final push to drive Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic from power.

Splintered by inflighting, the opposition only managed to raily an estimated 20,000 demonstrators in central Belgrade, a sharp drop from more than 100,000 people who turned out here Aug. 19 for a protest.

Vok Draskovic, ranked the most popular opposition leader in a recent public opinion poll, stayed away from Tuesday nights railly and has repeatedly called for negotiations with Milosevic's government toward early elections.

Democratic Party head Zaran Djindjic, staged rallies Tuesday here and in 18 other cities across Serbia, the dominant of Yugoslavia's two republics.

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Turnout also was low in the southern city of Nis, where reports said 10.000 people joined the rally, and the northern town of Novi Sad, where about 7,000 people showed up.

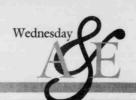


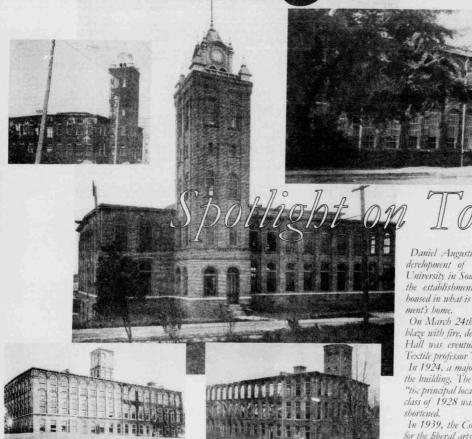
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Daniel Augustus Tompkins, largely responsible for the development of a strong textiles program at Clemson University in South Carolina, was similarly responsible for the establishment of N.C. State's program, originally boused in what is now Tompkins Hall- the English depart-

On March 24th, 1914, the 12-year old building was a blaze with fire, destroying the west end of the building. The Hall was eventually rebuilt, thanks to the generosity of Textile professor Thomas Nelson. In 1924, a major addition was added on to the east end of

the building. The Tower atop Tompkins hall was used as "the principal location for emblazoning class numerals". The class of 1928 was the last to use the tower, which was soon

In 1939, the College of Textiles moved out, making way



Burt Reynolds and Russell Crowe star in Mystery, Alaska a film from Hollywood Pictures.

# No mystery here, "Alaska" bombs

Big stars don't fix a big bomb.

AMY KELSKY

Mystery, Alaska is a little town that as nothing going for it but the local hockey competition.
Unfortunately for the movie, it doesn't even have that

Unfortunately for the movie, it doesn't even have that.

Mystery Alaska never seemed to develop much of plot, at least not an interesting one, and basically dragged on.

It is written by the creator of Ally McBeal and The Practice, but that is about its only claim to fame.

The characters were all stereotypical and fairly easily read, minus one bright spot courtesy of Hank Azaria, who plays Charlie. Azaria added some of the humor and depth that the lithi lacked.

It is Azaria's character that brings about the plot of the movie.

the movie.

Born and raised in the town of Mystery, Alaska, Charlie leaves after becoming a well-recognized sports writer. In a story printed in Sports Illustrated, he documents life in the small town particularly the seemingly only lively aspect of life in Mystery-Hockey.

The hockey team is what kept the town together and alive. If you were not on the hockey team-forget it-you were an outsider.

The outsiders mainly consisted of the women, who were not allowed to play on the team and were generally left to take care of the children. Each of the



Small town vs. the Rangers: who knew?

films remaic characters express the need to get out of the town, but never find the ability.

Town judge and former collegiate hockey player Walker, portrayed by Burt Reynolds, who is not as sold on the whole idea of the wonder of Mystery like the rest of the town.

But Walkers outlook begins to change, in part along with the rest of the town, when the local team is challenged by the New York Rangers.

AS the town railies around the make-shift team, for support, it is evident that the film itself has little support or structure.

Throughout the whole movie, you anticipate some-fing exciting on the brink of happening, and are always disappointed.

A few impressive cameos and humorous scenes dot the flick, but are hardly redeeming.

Will people of Mystery beat the Rangers and go on to fame or fall back into the rat of boredom that the novice is in? It wouldn't be fair to ruin it for you.

# Firstman enroute to big-time

ride, and if you know what is good for you, or your ears, you'll jump Firstman, self-proclaimed as N.C. State's own, is the five-man band that has been taking local live audiences by the shoes and shaking things up. The quinter of Parrish McIntyre, Tommy Pope, Tony Anaya, John Dungan and Joe Fuerstman has been together since their high school days back in Charlotte, and has survived the first few rigorous years of college life with a little extra pressure. Last year, the band racked up some serious mileage, with two of the members living in the Western part of the state while attending Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. and a majority of the bands sappearances taking place in the triangle area.

"We decided to give music one good year," said Fuerstman one of the band's vocalists. "Last year, we were killing ourselves, driving five and a half hours just about every weekend to play."

But it has been worth it, for the band as well as the large contingent of fans they have accumulated along the way. They have opened for Cowboy Mouth, Edwin McCain, and Gran Torino and have played quite a bit on the Fraternity circuit, but don't call



Go see them. Go see them. Go see them.

Go see them. Go see them. Go them a fraternity hand.
Don't even try to classify them.
The sound is uniquely their own, derived from a bevy of influences and a catalog of sounds that have been thrown into the kiln and masterfully fired by the unassuming hands of the band.
They have put together an album-called the 1999 sampler, that is available at their shows and features all of the crowd favorites and then some.
It is a solid album, but lacks the biggest thing that a fan can take from the band, the rush of seeing them one stage.
"If you take anything way from seeing us live, the main thing is that when we play, we have a blast, and we want every person to have a blast," said Fuerstman.
The energy that they put into it, making their work only truly

appreciable after seeing them live, making the only downfall of a recording the fact that they are not live in your living room.

But if the general trend continues, the band might be a little too big for living rooms in the near future.

big for living rooms in the near future.

"We move to a new level every show," said McIntyre. "We are working really hard, and doing everything that we can do, which for right now means being patient. If everyone appreciates the music that we are putting out, that right there will put us on the next step." For now, you can catch Firstman tocally, specifically back in Raleigh on October 2nd at Delta Sigma Phi.

Watch Technician for the whens and the wheres, or check out the bands' website at www.firstmanonline.com.

# Want to Write for Features???

Technician is having a features staff meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday in Technician's suite: 323 Witherspoon Student Center.

# Accept the challenge

◆ You're walking to class while some of our fellow UNC system members can't even get to their campus without a huge effort. Drop by the brickyard and drop a few dimes to help them out.

n Hurricane Floyd's wake, particularly in the Triangle where relatively little damage was done, students have gotten lost among the oups suffering.

groups suffering.
But college students are among the most vulnerable when a violent storm the likes of Floyd strikes, They frequently find themselves in at least mildly unfamilian places with shoddy housing that can hardly withstand the heavy flooding a tropical storm brings.

neavy rootaing a tropical storm brings.
Students at two of our sister univer-sities, East Carolina and UNCWilmington, understand that reality firsthand. Currently, both universities are closed for classes while floodwa-ters in the eastern part of the state recede. Many students at the two uni-versities will return to school to find biousing that has suffered irreparable damage and belongings that are waterlogged beyond any utility. There is considerable aid coming to our state soon, in the form of \$12 mil-lion to hire temporary workers for

Seat color not a bit when you thought this dumb issue had left, somebody had to bring it back up. I'm talking about Natalie Draggins' opinion article (September 19) praising the work of Chancellor Draggins' opinion article (September 19) praising the work of Chancellor Maye Anne Fox. Lagree, the chancellor has done many things for the sudent body, but does the color of the seats in the new arena really matter? Are we at the stadium to stare at seat cushions or cheer on the Wolfpack competing not in the bleachers but on the court? The popular argument that was addressed in the article was that we would not be sitting in the seat sayway, right? I agree that we will (hopefully) be standing therefore exposing the seat color. Here's a news flash, the awfully colored seat cushions (and only the seat cushions and work of the wrong colors will be behind you. Unless you are staring at the back of

CAMPUS FORUM

Seat color not an issue at ESA

Homosexuals are not criminals

So, Student Government ha So, Student Government has devised a project that will rush some money to ECU and UNCW and will give us at N.C. State the opportunity to help our fellow UNC system students. As part of the 50 Cent Challenge, members of Student Government will be in the brickyard from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, tomorrow and Friday accepting donations.

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The anticipated individual donation is 50 cents, with the idea being that if all NCSU students gave that amount, we could contribute \$14,000 to \$15,000 to ECU and UNCW to help pay for books, housing, food or anything else that may be needed when the schools re-open.

So, if you're walking through the brickyard in the next couple of days, drop in and spare some change for ECU and UNCW And even if you aren't walking through the brickyard in make a deton. With three days to muster 50 cents—or, preferably, more—and make a path to the brickyard, there is no reason for anyone to avoid contributing.

the arena you will not notice the cushions. Here's another news flash: the benches at Carter-Finley Stadium are silver, yet we continue to pack that stadium. Why don't we complain about that? Yet a third news flash that might be interesting to some: we are not the only tenants of the building. The Carolina Hurricanes (who also wear red) will play at least 41 times in the building and hopefully more in the building. All the building and hopefully more in the building. All the building and hopefully more in the building and hopefully more in the building. All the building and hopefully more in the building. All the building and hopefully more in the building. All the building and hopefully more in the building. The caroling about hopefully more in the building. The caroling are hopefully more in the building. The caroling and hopefully more in the building. The caroling are not him the building. The caroling are not have a building. The caroling are not him the building. The caroling are not him the building. The building are not him the building.

Junior Mass Communication

# Hopeless romantics Technician

Question: What do hopeless romantics and gunslingers have in common? Answer: We're both dying breeds.

commons and sweet: We're both dying breeds.

Ok, so maybe there aren't any gunslingers left, and those out them who ride horses these days dressed in black chaps with Colt six-shooters at their sides are called freaks, not heroes. But, nevertheless, the hopeless romantics of the world are going the way of the gunslinger of old and gently fading into history.

Like the weathered sheriff of yore riding off into the sunset for the final time, the hopeless romantic has been ushered out of town on his trusty steed. Romance, by the society that no longer needs him. Where love and tenderness once roamed the streets of the heart, they've now been replaced by the modern methods of showing affection. Sex, seand (as if that weren't enough) sex. Where balladeers once asked "Why do birds suddenly appear," they now proclaim that "I did it all for the nookie." Apparently Fred Durst's notion of love and relationships involves showing a cookie up another's onfice.

Mmmm. Tasty.

Mmmm, Tasty

Mmmm. Tasty.

How did this happen? "When did
this happen?" might be a better
question for the masses to answer. If
I had to put a finger on it. I'd guess
it was about the time that disco
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came around because it was then that people got
so fed up with the peace, love and
happiness movement of the 1960's
that they just showed all of the
mushy crap out the window of the
Minibus and kept the drugs and sex
part of it. Free love in the 1970's
spelled doom for romance in this
country, because the goal was no
longer to connect with an individual
through loving one another and the
act of making love, but rather
"doing it all for the nookie."

And cocaine.

Now, I admit that I feel kind of hypocritical putting down this erasince I was born right smack dab in the middle of it, but ever since this point in American history, love just have the control of the thing of t

watching:

So what's a hopeless romantic to do? Hang up his pistols of love and learn a trade? Hell no! When a loveless society pushes you down, get up and push back, twice as hard!

Romance is not dead. I swear to it. It's only mostly dead (insert Billy Crystal voice), and what it needs is a good kick in the rear end to get it hack in gear. Romance should be encouraged and even demanded in a relationship, because when the sex gets old (and it will) your girl or guy will get wandering eyes. And that ain't good.

Wine 'em. Dine 'em. And leave

or him special. Is it her smile? Then tell her that. Make sure she knows it really makes you feel good. Is it the way she tilts her head while she's combing her hair? Tell her! How many good relationships have gone bad because we've failed to communicate how we feel? We as men are afraid, at times, to express ourselves because we think it! make us look weak. Or "gay," Heaven forbid that she should think we have actual feelings! Why do you think it is that gay guys have chicks that flock around them? It's because they're not afraid to tell a girl that she looks nice, that she really seems to be glowing today or whatnot.

But unlearning bad habits takes a

So, here's my attempt at stepping in the right direction: I'm forming a new grassroots campus organization for hopeless romanties that will meet every Tuesday night in the Witherspoon Student Center at 9:00. Where, exactly, I don't know. I don't even know if there will be amybody bold emough out there to take part in it right now. But, dammit, romance needs a voice, a group, a place for people to come together and voice their grewances with past, present and (hopeful) future relationships in a way that will encourage a more active stance on the notion of romance.

Listen to your heart, swallow your

It's time to ride again.

Those even slightly interested in joining James on Tuesday night should E-mail him a james@masca.nest.edu, call him @ Technician or simply stop by the Technical fiftee (§ 23 Witherspoon) prior to 9 p.m. that night.

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# After reading William Enigh's letter to the editor about homosexuality (September 20). I (eft compelled to write another letter concerning the gay nights issue. Although it is not my intention to become the gay spokesman on campus, or to change anyone's stance on homosexuality, an ecrian section in Mr. Enigh's letter disturbed me. And since Mr. Enigh is begging for someone to argue with him. I thought I'd do so. In his letter, Mr. Enigh wrote, "there are laws against homosexuality in most states, which makes homosexuals, in those states, criminals." He further asks, "Why shouldn't we consider homosexuals criminals." He further asks, "Why shouldn't we consider homosexuals criminals." He further asks, "Why shouldn't we consider homosexuals criminals." He further asks, "Why shouldn't we consider homosexual criminals." He further asks, "Why shouldn't we consider homosexual criminals." He further asks, "Who kouldn't we consider homosexual action to simply be a homosexual. Do you know how many people they'd have to lock up if that were true? It IS illegal in some states to commit homosexual acts, however. Big difference. So, to say that a person Make a difference

K.A. Chavis Senior Accounting

As the end of my time here at N.C. As the end of my time here at N.C. State rapidly approaches, I cannot help but become a bit uncharacteristically nostalgic about the past blrees' years land Raleigh, Granted, those feelings have been encouraged by 1 a.m. gab ses-sions with my roommates and friends over a cup of coffee, but, nonetheless... My mind somewhat instinctively wanders to a conversation that I had a few years back with a member of the faculty whom I have come to respect as a mentor and a peer at the same time.

time.

I was considering transferring to another university, giving up on a particularly bad situation at State that

is a criminal because he is a homosexual would be to assume that this person has committed a homosexual act
and to assume that and intriber discriminate against him based on that
assumption would be wrong. Most
laws against homosexual acts are
based on vage and rarely enforced
anti-sodomy or "crimes against
hature" laws, which are really basicalby designed to ban homosexual acts, but do, in some states, include heterosexual acts. In other words, and to bevery blunt, if your wife or giffriend
wanted to perform oral sex on you, in
some states she would be a criminal.
So why shouldn't we consider heterosexuals criminals? I have yet to hear a
definite response to this question,
although it seems overdue.

K.A. Chavis

could have had a significant effect on my career and just walking away. Selfishly, I was willing to abandon a place that I loved in order to protect my future. Justifiable, maybe, but, at the same time, questionable. He reminded me that my time at State, my education, wasn't just about me.

me.

And that is the challenge that I pose to the rest of you who will be leaving in the coming year.

to the rest of you who will be leaving in the coming year.

Our time here at NCSU is about the academic community, about what the University has to offer us in return for the impression that we have left upon

The inevitable "ask not" question omes to mind rather easily.

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# Morgan takes aim and fires at science, technology

First off, I'm no Unabomber. I'm not some crazed neo-Luddite with a deep hatred for all things electronic. I do, however, think that the logic that science deifies leads to some pretty illogical conclusions.

sions.

All science is founded on one premise: all things can be explained. It involves a search for significance—not all that different from religion—and aims its arrow (or, these days, laser pointer) at a perfection called "Grand Unification Theory," one idea capable of explaining everything. Science quickly discovers, however, that perfection can be a moving target.

Of course, there are many

ing target.

Of course, there are many aspects of science that I like. It does, after all, have practical applications—air-conditioning, organ transplantation, space ice

cream. However, mostly I dislike science—not for what it says so much as for what it means. If science is true, then it means two things; (1) knowledge is the reason for being, and (2) humanity is meaningless.

We all know that science idole in the reason for being, and (2) humanity is meaningless.

We all know that science idole includes a reput on pedestals that transform them into ideals. That is, until things change. The history of science isn't as much about revolution as it is about repetition, cycles of Sixphean futility, the continual construction of Towers of Babet that tumble over and over again as its engineers shrug, saying. "Whoops. The world's not Ilat, Just kidding. The sun isn' 5 the center of the universe. Body humors? Phlogiston? The Pittdown Man? Nah. Nevermind. The business of science is just a game of intellectual dress-up, After all, are Aristotle's earth, fire, wind and water really all that different from Faraday's solid,

plasma, gas and liquid? Does Plato's Cave really define the world any more clearly than Hawking's "cosmic censor?"

And yet, science continues its hunger for knowledge, which involves nothing more than the glorification of ignorance is science's hunger for knowledge, which involves nothing more than the glorification of ignorance is science's having that all art is arithmetic involves one of glory and the defecation of data that provides—what?—ephemeral equations, vagabond values and theory-solvenouth. The provides—what emotions are the proposed in the provides one of humanity's greatives—of the provides one of humanity's greatives of the provides one of humanity's greatives—of the provides of the provides one of humanity's greatives—of the provides of the world any more clearly than Hawking's "cosmic censor?"

And yet, science continues its hunger for knowledge, which involves nothing more than the gobbling up of God's glory and the defecation of data that provides—what?—ephemeral equations, vagabond values and theories-of-the-month: fuzzy logic, chaos theory and the uncertainty principle. Scientific achievement involves one of humanity's greatest inonies: the clear understanding that we don't really understand anything at all. Sure, we say we "master" concepts like atomic theory, but what does that really when? That we can create clumsy knock-offs of stars that are so unstable that they are literal time bombs? Where's the mastery there's Science is a game of minicry and tinkering where we become like children who are so entertained by playing a record at

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# **Gaffney**

Arter you are gone, you win nave a incre of paper to show what N.C. State Jniversity has done for you, but what vill N.C. State University have to how for having had you? School spirit is not about donning red nd white and sitting courtside at a

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basketball game or giving campus tours to potential freshmen and their parents. School spirit is about taking pride in where you are and why you are here and respecting the opportuni-ty that has been afforded to you. In the few months and weeks that you have left, make a difference. Leave an impression. Provoke change. Establish a legacy. And what will that legacy be? When you are old and gray, what will you

show your children or grandchildren or nieces or nephews? In 20 years, will it matter that you spent time at State? Will it matter that you spent time any-where?

where?

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to come.

Do something.
It may not seem like a lot, but maybe all of our something swill develop into something being resomething bigger.

And, hopefully, we will leave NG State better than we found it, for those who come after us, like those who have come before us.

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tion to design. Random costnicters may rarely come together as words, but the idea that random cosmic letters can not only come together to make words but can also create a language that is capable of writing into existence DNA, hydrogen, chocolate, adrenaline, silk, lungs, instinct and emotion makes me speechless-or, rather, wordless—ig\_thunacy.

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The question of God's existence has only two answers: yes and an off aith because both demand the belief in a truth that is not natural. What we each must come to terms with is whether we believe our existence in this universe is either spiritually supernatural or scientifically subnatural.

In that search for significance, we need to use all our senses. It may also help us to heed the words of scientist and believer in God. Albert Einstein, who declared that "without science, religion is deaf, but, without religion, science is blind."

I urge all readers to confront themselves with two questions:

I) What do you believe in? and (2) What does that belief mean for your life?

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# **Turning**

Trustrating things for me," said Earwood, who only punted one year in high school. "There is such a fine line, an inch, between kicking bad kicks to kicking perfect spirals, forty, firty, sixty yards down the field."

But if there was any apprehension about Earwood's newly assigned role for the 1999 season, it was put to rest during the Wolfpack's season opener against Texas.
"If you could have seen the way I was punting before the game, there

"Hy you could have seen the way I was punting before the game, there were a lot of people kind of shaking their heads saying, 'oh man' it is going to be like last year, and even myself. But when I went out there, I had my mind focused," recollected

And unlike last season, its seems that the encouraging words of the coaching staff settled Earwood down.

down.

"Before the game, Coach O'Cain,
Coach Pate and Coach Biggs all
came up to me and said listen, we
have faith that you are going to do a
great job, and I think that I carried
that confidence out there with me.

"It was a very hostile environment, there was not any love for us coming from the longhorns. They have a very strong tradition of football. But it almost felt like it was so big that it didn't even bother me," said Earwood. "It is intimidating from the outside, but when you are down on the field, I think that I blocked it out pretty well."

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# Not to be overlooked



Shaker Asad and his teammates will look to get the offense in gear against Elon College today.

# ◆ Tarantini wants the offense to put the ball in the net often against Elon College.

N.C. State's men's socret eam will take a break from the demanding Atlantic Coast Conference Wednesday to take on Elon College at Method Road Soccer Stadium at 3:30 p.m. While the Wolfpack should not have too much of a problem with the Fighting Christians, Head Coach George Tarantini doesn't want his team looking forward to the weekend and its game against the Clemson Tigers.

The opportunity is a good one to get ready for Clemson, but we better win the game," Tarantini 3aid. "I don't care who we play, we have got to be ready mentally and that's what we try to do." State (2-2-1) is coming off a 2-0 loss to Soccer America's No. 1-ranked team, the Maryland Terrapins.

America's No. 1-ranked team, the Maryland Terrapins.

"The first 20 minutes, the defense played excellent against Maryland," Tarantini said. "And we had a couple of chances to score a goal. In this game, if you just miss opportunities, you get punished. If you get opportunities to score, and you don't score, most likely, the team will turn it around and score against you."

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Elon College may not possess the talent of the Terps, but they will provide a unique challenge for the Pack.

"Elon College is playing their most important game of the season against N.C. State," Tarantini said. "So they come here with very high expectations. I treat every team with the same respect, so tomorrow is going to be a very difficult game." Sophomore defender Eric Kaufman said he doesn't think the team will look past the Fighting Christians.

"We learned that lesson my freshman year, when we lost to a no-name," Kaufman said. "So really, I think we learned that Hopefully the other guys follow our example and understand that you really can't take anyone lightly. They have everything to gain and we have everything to lose."

From the coach's perspective, the most important part of today's game will be the offense.
"If we don't score on our opportunities, and the flonger J you give the other team opportunities to stay in the game, the more difficult the game becomes," Tarantini said. "So you have to finish your opportunities quickly."

So, in other words, State wants goals, goals, and more goals.

Tarantini spent a good portion of Tuesday's spirit-

more goals.

Tarantini spent a good portion of Tuesday's spirited practice working on the offense, with an emphasis placed on accurate shots.

"If we give the goalkeeper and the three guys in
the back...a couple of goals, everybody has a different frame of mind," Tarantini said. "Everybody feels
a little better, because you are a little more confident. You just feel like you can take more chances.

"You know, it's funny, the best way to play defense
is when you score goals." Tarantini continued. "I
think scoring goals is the name of the game."

# Turning it all around

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Say what you will about Scott Earwood, you wen't get to him.

One of 19 seniors on the Wolfpack football team this season, Earwood has been enjoying the success that N.C. State has had on the field, and he has earned it. Just four contests into State's season, Earwood, the sometimes goot of the team just a season ago, is earning Player of the Game honors in 1999.

In those four games, the Pack's punter is already approaching his season total from a year ago, and is averaging 40 yards per attempt.

And if this season is like a dream for the six-foot-one-inch Earwood, it is, in part, because 1998 had nightmare capability written all over it.

Last season was Earwood's first with the Wolfpack. After a year at Catawba in 1995, he transferred to N.C. State and sat out a year, adjusting to the rigors of Division I-A and life in Raleigh.

Early in the season, Earwood took on the overwhelming task of handling all three of the kicking duties for the Wolfpack.

He punted.

three of the kicking duties for the Wolfpack. He punted. He kicked field goals. He kicked off.

"I felt like, just for me, that at this high a level, that is really hard to do, to manage a schedule like that. That is why there are only a handful of kickers in the country that do that, because coaches know that it takes remendous focus to do that." said Earwood of handling all of the specialists duties. "Just the amount of practice time that it takes. We are out here for two hours, but even in two hours, what are you going to focus your time on? Are you going to work on kicking off, on field goals, on punting?"

And the pressure, physically, mentally, and emotionally, began to take its toll. Earwood developed a stress fracture in his shin.

"A lot of the things that happened were not entirely within my control. Snaps over my head, the stress fracture in my leg. I did as good a job as I could, considering the circumstances. I'm not going to make any excuses for myself." said Earwood.

And as he struggled, and the kicking



game became the biggest and one of the only thorns in the side of the Wolfpack tearn, Earwood drew a lot of criticism from the media.

Through the first three games, wins over Ohio and Florida State and a loss to Baylor, the Wolfpack was just one-forsix on field goal attempts and was averaging just 35 yards per pount, but thanks to a potent offense, didn't have to punt more than four times per game.

"I felt like last year, my whole story wasn't even getting out, that the media was just looking at how terrible the punt team was," said Earwood. "They weren't looking at how terrible the punt team is and saying, well look at Scott Earwood, he has been punting with a broken leg

doing the best that he can with what he

olong the best that he can with what he has.

"No one asked me my side of the story, and that is the advantage that the media has, they can print what they want."

His coaches told him to not to worry about what the media said. But ignoring criticism is easier said than done, especially when it hit him from so many directions.

"Coach O'Cain tells us that the media looks for stories, and that they are going to take advantage of certain things. I guess that that is the price you pay for playing on a high-profile team," said Earwood. "To be successful, you almost have to put the newspapers and the TV stuff aside and say, well I'm just going to look at that later. You get bad press, you

Now, Earwood is letting his performance on the field tell his side of the story.

Part of the success has come from a change in Earwood approach that Scott and Jason Biggs, a former punter for the Wolfpack turned Graduate Assistant coach made early in the 1999 pre-season. "We just tried this drill in practice one day and he kicked the ball real well so we decided to see what it looked like Live." said Biggs. The change was adding another step to Eurwood approach of the ball on his punts. "From then, everything has come out great. He is very consistent for us. It was just one of those things, where you try something different and it ends up working our for the best."

And it has helped make it easier. Four games into the 1998 season, walk-on Danny Deskevich took over the job of kicking field goals and extra points for the Pack, taking some of the pressure off of Earwood and developing his own version of the Cinderella story in the process.

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process. This season, Earwood has even more help. Fellow senior Kent. Plassingham handles the job when the ball has to be put through the up-rights and true freshman Bobby More, a tremendous high school kicker in 1998, takes care of the kickoffs, allowing Earwood to focus on punting.

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"The goal was to individualize the three specialities and give Scott some time to see what he could do," said O'Cain "We didn't know wan was going to happen, but it just happened to work out for us the way we expected, and it has made Scott a better punter."

According to O'Cain, he couldn't be happier to see success come Earwood's.

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"He went through a lot of ridicule last year," said O'Cain. "Tdon't care what tale-ent level you have, if you go six weeks: without practicing, you can't expect to play well in the game."

"Coach O'Cain had the confidence that Kent was going to get the job done with the field goals and they brought in Bobby. Moore and knew that he was going to be a tremendous kickoff guy. The coaches had the confidence in the way that they split things up," said Earwood.

And Earwood has no problem with the assignment.

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"I love it now. It was one of the most

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# Wolfpack downs Davidson

# ♦ Wolfpack volleyball downs Davidson 3-0 in its final tune-up for the ACC season.

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The N.C. State volleyball team proved to be rude host Tuesday night as it downed the isiting Davidson Wildcats 3-0 in Reynolds

visiting Davidson Wildeats 3-0 in Reynolds Coliseum. With the start of conference play coming up this weekend, the Wolfpack (9-7) was proplied by a number of big performances to earn the win. Sophomore Alison Kreager had a huge match with 16 kills, 10 digs, and two aces. Junior Stephanie Stambaugh also had a great night, particularly at the net, with 12 kills for a .417 hitting percentage.

Despite the win. Head Coach Kim Hall saw some things that still need some work. "I think they were up and down," said Head Coach Kim Hall. "I think they started out concentrating well. But, after a while, you kind of wanted to rush the game along and you start doing things to maybe get some quick points when what you really need to do is be patient."

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The Pack started things off quickly in the first game of the match by taking eight of the first game of the match by taking eight of the first game of the match by taking eight of the first game of 22 managed to put together a run of their own to draw as close as 9-7, causing Hall to call for a timeout. A big kill by sophomore Charece Williams ended the rally, however, and State took the final six points to win the game 15-7.

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Kreager got things going early in the second game with an ace to spark the Pack to a quick 9-3 lead. Once again, Davidson staged a mini-comeback to pull within 10-7 and force Hall to talk things over with her troops. And yet again, NCSU put on a furious charge at the end of the game to take the win with Kreager getting the game-clinching kill.

State appeared to be settling into a familiar pattern in the third game by taking a quick 3-1 lead. But, Davidson was far from finished. A run of seven consecutive points gave the

game at 8-3.

"I think we got a little too relaxed, and we finally dug in and just started going for it," said Kreager.

After calling another timeout, the Pack



N.C. State picked up a win over non-conference foe Davidson.

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stepped things up and took control for good. Kreager drilled three consecutive kills at the to to swing the momentum back in State's favor.

"She's such a great leader," said Hall. "Alison's not really flashy, a lot of people don't notice her. But, she doesn't make a lot of mistakes, and she's so dependable."

Davidson was able to get one more point to build its lead back up to 9-6, but that would prove to be he last one the Wildcats would get as State ran off nine straight points to win the game and the match by a score of 15-9.

The Pack also got notable performances from sophomore Erin Vesey, who had 55 assists, and freshman Tara Greene, who added 10 kills.

The Pack is hoping to carry the momentum from this win into the start of the conference season this weekend.
"I think our whole season so far has been focused on the ACC and having a good year," said junior captain Meredith Price.
"This ACC season started in November of last year for us, so it's all been focused on that."









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